

BOUCHARD 120 OIL SPILL

LOCATION	Buzzards Bay
DATE OF INJURY	April, 2003
DATE OF SETTLEMENT	In negotiation
NRD SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	In negotiation
RESPONSIBLE PARTY	Bouchard Transportation Company
TRUSTEES	NOAA, DOI-USFWS, EOE, State of Rhode Island
INJURY	Barge hit an obstacle creating a 12-foot rupture in its hull and discharging approximately 98,000 gal of #6 fuel oil into Buzzards Bay
INJURED RESOURCES	Recreational uses (shell fishing and boating), coastal habitats
INJURED SPECIES	Endangered species (Roseate and Common tern), migratory birds
PROTECTED SPECIES	Various wildlife: Roseate and Common terns, Piping Plovers, Terrapins
RESTORATION STATUS	NA
PROJECTS COMPLETED	NA
EXPENDITURES TO DATE	NA
ACRES RESTORED	NA
ADDITIONAL WEBSITES	http://www.buzzardsbay.org/updates http://www.darp.noaa.gov/northeast/buzzard/index.html http://www.mass.gov/dep/bwsc/files/bouchard/bouchard.htm

On April 27, 2003, Bouchard Barge 120 hit an obstacle in Buzzards Bay, creating a 12-foot rupture in its hull and discharging an estimated 98,000 gallons of No. 6 oil. The oil is known to have affected an estimated 90 miles of shoreline, numerous bird species, and recreational use of the bay, such as shell fishing and boating. While response agencies worked to contain and clean up the oil, the natural resource trustees initiated a NRD assessment. NOAA, as the lead administrative trustee for the Buzzards Bay oil spill, is coordinating trustee efforts. Bouchard Transportation Company, the responsible party that owns the barge, has agreed to cooperate with the Trustees in NRDA activities.

Oil Spill Impacts & Trustee Resources of Concern



2003: Bouchard 120 Barge



2003: Site clean-up response



2003: Oil coated rocks in Falmouth



2003: Shellfish and marsh injuries



Oiled loon



2003: Stored Bird Carcasses



Protected Bird Species & Habitat



2003: Lost public use of shoreline resources

Restoration Projects

The trustees are in the process of assessing the extent of injuries and will be developing a draft natural resource damage assessment and restoration plan. This plan will describe the resource injuries and service losses resulting from the incident and the types of restoration projects identified and evaluated to address them. After public review and comment, the trustees will select appropriate restoration projects to be funded and implemented by the responsible party or by the trustees.



Special Thanks to the Trustees